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NIOC Sugar Grove Holds Homecoming Ceremony

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Navy Information Operations Command Sugar Grove and Lincoln Military Housing honored 5 military personnel and their families at an Individual Augmentee (IA) Homecoming Celebration Wednesday, January 21st.

Over the past three years, nearly 50 enlisted and officer personnel assigned to the NIOC Sugar Grove have completed IA deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan, Horn of Africa, Guantanamo Bay, and points around the globe in support of the Global War on Terror. Approximately 13,000 Sailors deployed on IA orders Navy-wide continue to be an integral part of the America's war on terrorism.

A crowd of supporters including family, fellow service members and local

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As Obama Walks Into History

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What started as an informal chat between three Chicagoan African-Americans in the State of Illinois has landed one of them in the White House as the 44th American president.

In 2005, Quincy Jones (the greatest music producer in the world), Oprah Winfrey (the richest and most popular talk show hostess in the world), and one obscure Illinois State Senator, Barack Hussein Obama, had an informal chat and Oprah observed that Obama should take a shot at the White House because he had what it took to be a great politician. Expectedly, Quincy Jones, who is also a half-caste as Obama, raised the race issue. But after an informal and almost jocular session, it was decided that the then Senator Obama tests his strength in the American presidential race that had been hitherto the birthright of white Americans only. Failed attempts by Rev. Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988 under the Rainbow Coalition did not deter this young, obstinate and change-hungry senator as he answered history's call. And so Obama entered the primaries of America's presidential election under the Democratic Party.

His rugged and uneasy way to America's greatest office has made President Obama one of the greatest presidents in American history. He went through a blistering primaries against one of America's greatest political juggernauts – the Clinton Dynasty – and came out triumphant, when most political pundits had written him off. Even the



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This Month in Naval History

February 1 - 1942 - USS *Enterprise* and *Yorktown* make first WW II air strike, Japanese Marshall Islands.

February 2 - 1800 - USS *Constellation* (CAPT Thomas Truxtun) defeats *la Vengeance*

February 3 - 1801 - Senate approves peace treaty with France ending undeclared naval war that began 1798.

February 4 - 1779 - John Paul Jones takes command of *Bonhomme Richard*

February 5 - 1854 - Dedication of first chapel built on Navy property, Annapolis, MD

February 6 - 1922 - World powers sign the Washington Naval Treaty providing for limitation of naval armament.

February 7 - 1800 - USS *Essex* becomes first U.S. Navy vessel to cross the Equator.

1815 - The Board of Naval Commissioners, a group of senior officers, is established to oversee the operation and maintenance of the Navy, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy.

February 8 - 1862 - Joint amphibious force capture Roanoke Island, key to Albemarle Sound.

February 9 - 1799 - USS *Constellation* (CAPT Truxtun) captures French *l'Insurgente*

February 10 - 1862 - Union gunboats destroy Confederate ships at Elizabeth City, NC

1900 - Appointment of first naval governor of Guam, Commodore Seaton Schroder

February 11 - 1862 - SecNav directs formation of organization to evaluate new inventions and technical development which eventually led to National Academy of Science.

February 12 - 1945 - USS *Batfish* (SS-310) sinks second Japanese submarine within three days

February 13 - 1854 - Admiral Perry anchors off Yokosuka, Japan to

receive Emperor's reply to treaty proposal
1913 - Naval Radio Station, Arlington, VA begins operations

February 14 - 1778 - John Paul Jones in *Ranger* receives first official salute to U.S. Stars and Strips flag by European country, at Quiberon, France.

1813 - *Essex* becomes first U.S. warship to round Cape Horn and enter the Pacific Ocean

1814 - USS *Constitution* captures British *Lovely Ann* and *Pictou*

February 15 - 1856 - USS *Supply*, commanded by LT David Dixon Porter, sails from Smyrna, Syria, bound for Indianola, Texas, with a load of 21 camels intended for experimental use in the American desert west of the Rockies.

February 16 - 1804 - Lieutenant Stephen Decatur, with volunteers from frigate *Constitution* and schooner *Enterprise*, enters Tripoli harbor by night in the ketch *Intrepid* to burn the captured frigate *Philadelphia*. Decatur's raid succeeds without American losses. England's Lord Nelson calls this "the most daring act of the age."

1815 - USS *Constitution* captures British *Susannah*

February 17 - 1864 - Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley* sinks USS *Housatonic*

1942 - First Construction Battalion (Seabees) arrive Bora Bora

February 18 - 1846 - [General order on Port and Starboard](#)

1944 - Amphibious Force under RADM Hill lands troops on Engebi Island, Eniwetok

February 19 - 1814 - USS *Constitution* captures British brig *Catherine*

1945 - Marines with naval gunfire support land on Iwo Jima; island secured 16 March.

February 20 - 1962 - Lt. Col. John Glenn, USMC becomes first American to orbit Earth. His flight in *Friendship 7* (Mercury 6) consisted of 3 orbits in 88 minutes at a velocity of 17,544 mph with the highest altitude of 162.2 statute miles.

Recovery was by USS *Noa* (DD-841).

February 21 - 1944 - Marines with support of naval bombardment and carrier aircraft secure Eniwetok atoll

February 22 - 1865 - RADM Porter's gunboats' bombardment cause surrender of Wilmington, NC .

1870 - After arriving on USS *Nipsic*, and supported by USS *Guard* and USS *Nyack*, the Darien Expedition, commanded by CDR Thomas O.

Selfridge, Jr., begins active operations ashore at Caldonia Bay to survey the Isthmus of Darien, Panama, for an interoceanic ship canal.

1909 - [Great White Fleet returns from round the world cruise](#) to Hampton Roads, VA

1943 - USS *Iowa* (BB-61), the lead ship of the last class of American fast battleships, is commissioned.

February 23 - 1795 - U.S. Navy Office of Purveyor of Supplies is established. This is the Navy Supply Corps Birthday.

1919 - Launching of *Osmond Ingram* (DD-255), first Navy ship named for an enlisted man

1945 - Marines and a Navy hospital corpsman raise flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima

February 24 - 1813 - USS *Hornet*, Captain James Lawrence, captures HMS *Peacock*


February 25 - 1861 - *Saratoga*, member of U.S. African Squadron, captures slaver sloop *Express*

1933 - Commissioning of USS *Ranger*, first true aircraft carrier

February 26 - 1811 - Congress authorizes first naval hospital
1913 - Approval of experimental wind tunnel for Navy

February 27 - 1942 - Battle of the Java Sea, Allied Naval Force attacks Japanese invasion convoy

February 28 - 1844 - Explosion of Peacemaker, experimental 14 inch gun, on board USS *Princeton*.

1893 - Launching of USS *Indiana* (BB-1), first true battleship in U.S. Navy. 

2008 NIOC Sugar Grove Sailors of the Year



Senior Sailor of the Year
IT1(SW/AW) Dean Gerali



Sailor of the Year
MA2 Patrick Lynch



Junior Sailor of the Year
CTR3 Elizabeth Smithkors

NIOC Sugar Grove Sailors of the 4th Quarter 2008



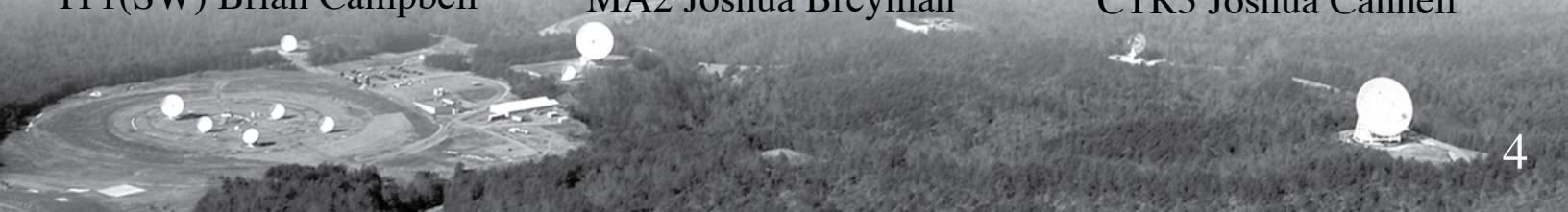
Senior Sailor of Quarter
IT1(SW) Brian Campbell



Sailor of the Quarter
MA2 Joshua Breyman



Junior Sailor of the Quarter
CTR3 Joshua Cannell



FORCM Charles Dassance Visits Sugar Grove

Photos by MC2(AW/SW)
Chris Thamann -

Force Master Chief Charles Dassance visited NIOC Sugar Grove to attend the base's Individual Augmentee Homecoming ceremony and to meet with Sailors.

During his visit, FORCM held an all-hands call to discuss current and future issues with information warfare, and answer any questions Sailors may have.



Force Master Chief Charles Dassance addresses attendees of the base's Individual Augmentee Homecoming ceremony.

Force Master Chief Charles Dassance addresses attendees of an all-hands call during his visit.



Force Master Chief Charles Dassance listens as CE2(SCW) Ryan Trammell asks a question during an all-hands call.



Captain's Cup Basketball 2009 Schedule

February 3	Red Vs White
February 4	Blue Vs Red
February 5	White Vs Blue
February 10	Red Vs White
February 11	Blue Vs Red
February 12	White Vs Blue
February 17	Red Vs White
February 18	Blue Vs Red
February 19	White Vs Blue



Double Elimination Tournament will be held on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th of February 2009

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January Awards



LT Sorchae Washburn
Meritorious Service Medal



CTR1 David Saras
Joint Service Commendation Medal



MA1 Andrew Duncan
Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal



CTR2 Brandon Duggar
Good Conduct Medal



MA2 Patrick Lynch
Flag Letter of Commendation



CTR3 Ryan Brissette
Flag Letter of Commendation



CTR3 Anthony Ashby
Letter of Commendation



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Joel Harnois
Installation Civilian of the Quarter

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March Madness Men's Tournament

March 20, 21, 22

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community members greeted the IAs with cheering and applause as they walked the red carpet into Corbin Gym on base Wednesday.

The IA's in attendance were LT Sorchae Washburn, TSGT Sherri Fox, CTR2 David Moore, CTM2 Michaleangelo Mulligan, and CTR3 Daniel Young.

NETWARCOM Force Master Chief Charles Dassance was in attendance to address the IAs and their families during the celebration. He personally thanked them for everything they have done to defend their country, and explained the significance of their service in foreign lands during this time of war.

The IAs and their families were individually recognized on stage, where they received gift bags from Lincoln Military Housing. A reception after the event gave the local community a chance to meet the families and personally thank the Sailors. 🌐

Clockwise from top, CTR3 Daniel Young, TSGT Sherri Fox, LT Sorchae Washburn, CTR2 David Moore, and CTM2 Michaleangelo Mulligan receive a standing ovation as they arrive at the homecoming ceremony.



NETWARCOM Force Master Chief Charles Dassance addresses the command and community members in attendance during the Homecoming Ceremony. During his speech, Dassance personally thanked the IA returnees for their service.

IA returnees and the official party salute as the NIOC Sugar Grove honor guard parades the colors to open the IA homecoming ceremony.



NIOC Sugar Grove Commanding Officer CDR Christopher Chrislip addresses attendees during the ceremony.

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then incumbent, President George W. Bush said most people were gearing up for a Hilary Clinton-John McCain match. But alas, it was Obama vs McCain.

Obama broke all barriers through sheer guts, determination and a super organisational zeal and skill he brought from his senatorial election days in Illinois 2004. Obama's courage, his faith in the eventual materialisation of things not seen, his intellectual acumen, his Ivy League persona, his charm and, above all, his audacity of hope of a better and a greater tomorrow, are his greatest external relations attributes.

I am convinced beyond doubt that history will record the Obama inauguration of January 20, 2009 as the greatest event of the 21st Century and one of the greatest events in human history. For to be elected a vessel of change is a great, divine and unique privilege and honour that history bestows only rarely on humans. And so, Obama walked into history as the first African American President with all standing records tumbling.

For instance, attendance was estimated at 2.5 million humans, including those "who attended" in the neighboring states of Virginia and Maryland due to restrictions to come into the District of Columbia. The nearest attendance record was 1.2 million people in 1965 during President Lyndon B. Johnson's inauguration. The 1965 crowd was as a result of his popularity with African-Americans who voted massively for him in that election. And in August of the same year, President Johnson signed the voting right bill into law, thereby enfranchising all African Americans legally. But many states, especially in the South, like Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, etc., did not fully implement this franchise bill.

Other records that were broken on Obama's inauguration day include the cost of inauguration. In 2005, President Bush's inauguration cost \$42m and the heavens nearly fell. But Obama's inauguration gulped an estimated \$180m (the auditors are still looking into the expenditures to confirm). This is because every American wanted to be part of this history, especially African-Americans,

It is also a misnomer to tag President Obama's inauguration an American affair. It was a global affair. In fact, it was a global carnival and celebration of human excellence and beauty. No American president has ever been so honoured. Figures released show that about 2.6 million people viewed the inauguration online; about two million people physically present in Washington and about 10 million watched globally through the tube.

The excitement all over the world was very intense. In Indonesia (where the president spent part of his childhood years), it was national celebration. In Japan, it was like the celebration of a god. Some Japanese believe that Obama is actually from Japan because his name has a Japanese meaning. Two Japanese towns are called



Obama. In Japan today, Obama memorabilia is the latest in successful sales and marketing. An Israelite from Sderot who was interviewed on the CNN believes that Obama is from Israel because of the Jewish name, Barack. In Nigeria, the Igbo and Esans will tell you that Obama is a Nigerian name and that his fore-fathers migrated to Kenya from their parts of this country as they reel the various meanings of "Obama" to you. Who does not want to be part of history! Really, everybody wants to be identified with success.

Obama is the latest addition to the world's lexicon.

The records are unending. This is the first time an American president is honouring Americans who have been so slighted and unappreciated for rendering patriotic and nationalistic service to their fatherland. The Tuskegee Airmen is a group of black pilots who were not allowed to fly during the World War II of 1939-1945 because of the colour of their skin. President Obama honoured all those that are still alive. They came – old, some on wheelchairs, some limping, but all so very happy and fulfilled and confessing with tears that they did not know they would live to see such a day.

President Obama also declared January 19, 2009 as Rev. Martin Luther King Jr Day. This is a crowning glory for one American who was humiliated, deprived, dehumanised and severally incarcerated for standing for the rights of African-Americans. King was their advocate, field marshal, historian, fund-raiser, vote registration mobiliser/energiser, preacher, non-violence exponent, and orator par excellence. With Obama's election, King has been vindicated, accomplished and his dreams and visions fulfilled.

Indeed, not only change but also justice, equity, honour and pride have come to America. Indeed, President Obama's inauguration marks a turning point in American history. America has one of the best constitutions in the world. It also has an infallible creed. But all that is on paper. In practice, America was the most savage and segregated State in the world. Killing and maiming of black Americans in their thousands without cause with the agents of law looking the other way are rife. The bodies and bones of Blacks dumped into River Mississippi are a painful reminder and testimony to White cruelty in America since the first shipload of African slaves landed in Jamestown about 400 years ago.

But today, following President Obama's inauguration, the American Constitution has finally been consummated. The American creed, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal," has blossomed and assumed true meaning with Obama's election as America's 44th President.

The world should therefore support this peace-loving, change-inspiring American president, as I can see global peace and harmony in sight. I can see the western world charting and crafting avenues for peaceful global co-existence in spite of Russia, China, North Korea, Venezuela, Iran, the Middle East and Al Queda.

The world has seen those fine leadership attributes which Oprah Winfrey and Quincy Jones had detected in Obama. All we can then do is to rally round Obama to achieve global peace, harmony and economic prosperity.

